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## AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH CLAIM FEE TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply is timely, but requires a claim fees for additional independent claims introduced herein.

The present Amendment introduces FIVE independent claims that require a fee of \$440 (\$88 x 5). The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$440 (or any additional fees required to maintain the pendency of this application) to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.